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1. Latest information on coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Department for Education (DfE) has published guidance about COVID-19 in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>) on GOV.UK.

Please check GOV.UK (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>) regularly for updates.

2. Information: updated PE and sport premium allocations for 2019 to 2020

We have updated the published PE and sport premium allocations for 2019 to 2020

(<https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk/single-funding-statement/latest/start>), to reflect recent estate changes.

3. Information: school improvement monitoring and brokering grant for April to August 2020

We have published the school improvement monitoring and brokering grant allocations for April to August 2020 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-improvement-monitoring-and-brokering-grant-allocations>).

4. Information: teachers' pay grant (TPG) 2020 to 2021

We have published the TPG conditions of grant for the 2020 to 2021 financial year

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pay-grant-allocations-for-2020-to-2021-financial-year>).

We have also published the TPG allocations for April to August 2020 on the same page.

5. Information: teachers' pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) 2020 to 2021

We have published the TPECG conditions of grant for the 2020 to 2021 financial year

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pension-grant-2020-to-2021-allocations>).

We have also published the TPECG allocations for April to August 2020 on the same page.

6. Information: teachers' pension employer contribution grant (TPECG) supplementary fund

We will write to all local authorities within the next week, with details of how to apply for the TPECG supplementary fund (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pension-grant-supplementary-fund>) for centrally employed teachers and specialist institutions.

7. Information: local authority adult education budget and apprenticeship funds and 16 to 19 funds return for 2019 to 2020

We sent an e-mail to all local authority chief financial officers (CFOs) copied to chief executives on Tuesday 28 April 2020, highlighting the process for local authorities to submit their adult education budget (AEB) and apprenticeship funds return, and 16 to 19 funds return to ESFA for 2019 to 2020.

LAs must upload a CFO signed AEB and Apprenticeship funds return (annex 1) and 16 to 19 funds return (annex 2) to ESFA's Document Exchange by Friday 22 May 2020. We have published detailed guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authorities-adult-education-budget-and-apprenticeship-funds-return-and-16-to-19-funds-return-2019-to-2020>) on GOV.UK.

You can access ESFA's Document Exchange portal by logging onto Manage your education and skills funding service (<https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk/>).

You can review documents you've sent by selecting 'documents you've sent to ESFA' from the main Document Exchange page. You can only view and send the documents if you have the Document Exchange role. You can request this role:

- through IDAMS (<https://logon.fasst.org.uk/>), or
- by asking your organisation's super user

8. Information: procured adult education budget (AEB) including 19 to 24 traineeships and advanced learner loans bursary (ALLB)

Earlier this month, we explained what we would do about year end reconciliation for grant funded providers in receipt of ESFA funded AEB, including 19 to 24 traineeships and ALLB fund for 2019 to 2020 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-further-education-provision/maintaining-education-and-skills-training-provision-further-education-providers>).

We can also confirm that for providers funded through a contract for service for AEB and ALLB, we will remove the financial year controls set out in the funding and performance management rules for 2019 to 2020 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-education-budget-aeb-funding-rules-2019-to-2020>).

This means we will pay any over delivery in the August 2019 to March 2020 period by utilising the April 2020 to August 2020 period funding, up to the full 12 month contract value. The commitment to fund delivery up to 103% of adult skills and 110% of traineeships contract values will still apply over the full funding year.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

9. Information: review of apprenticeships carry-in allocations for the 2019 to 2020 funding year

When we issued apprenticeship carry-in (non-procured) allocations for the 2019 to 2020 funding year in July 2019, we committed to review allocations in spring 2020. We have now completed this review and contract variations will be issued shortly to providers who are in scope for an increase.

To calculate increases, we have used the R08 data return (March data submitted during April). To be in scope for an increase you need to have delivered more than your August 2019 to March 2020 contract value or 66.67% of your full year allocation (this is the standard national profile for March).

In October 2020, we will review delivery against carry-in allocations and will fund any delivery above allocations.

Where necessary, we will allocate funds beyond 31 July 2020 to ensure you can continue to fund apprentices that have not completed their apprenticeship by then. We will let you know your carry-in allocation for the 2020 to 2021 funding year in the summer of 2020.